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GENERAL

1. Reactions to projected US recognition of Korean government-- US Embassy London has received a memorandum containing UK Government objections to recognition of the new government in South Korea as the "national government of Korea envisaged by United Nations General Assembly resolutions." US Embassy Canberra has been informed by the Australian Foreign Office that Australia will not recognize the new government until Korea has been admitted to UN membership. US Embassy Nanking has been told by the Chinese Foreign Minister that China will definitely join the US in recognition of the new government.

(CIA Comment: Present indications are that most UN member states will not follow the US plan to accord formal recognition to the new Korean government. These governments apparently prefer to delay action until the September session of the General Assembly when they will have an opportunity of deciding collectively whether the recent elections in South Korea adequately fulfilled the terms of the UN resolutions under which they were held.)

EUROPE

2. GREECE: Communists called on to continue fight-- US Charge Rankin interprets a recent radio appeal by the KKE (Greek Communist Party) for civilian party members as well as the guerrillas to continue the fight in Greece as indicating that the guerrillas are cracking under the double strain of the Greek Army's Grammos offensive and the constant battering which the police have given the Communist Party during the past six months. Rankin considers it significant that this latest appeal was issued by the Central Committee of KKE (the political leadership of the party) and not the military leaders.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that this broadcast and another on the same day, in which the "Provisional Democratic Government" announced its "readiness to accept a

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democratic solution which would bring peace to Greece," may indicate that under pressure of the US-supported Greek Army, the Greek Communists will be forced to abandon their present military campaign. The apparent transfer of rebel leadership from the military to the political is probably significant as part of the Communists' program to "legalize" their fight. The political leaders of KKE probably entertain little hope, however, that a negotiated peace can be concluded with the Greek Government. Meanwhile, there are no immediate signs of weakening determination on the part of the guerrillas in the Grammos struggle.)

NEAR EAST-AFRICA

3. PALESTINE: Arab League seen forcing Abdullah into line -- US Representative Stahler in Amman expresses the opinion that Transjordan's continued desire for an "honorable way" out of the war in Palestine will not prevail at the Arab League political committee meeting which is considering the Security Council's truce order. Stahler believes that strong opposition by other Arab states will force King Abdullah to vote with the majority (presumably for rejection of the truce order).

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